



The Bay Leaf

California Native Plant Society • East Bay Chapter
Alameda & Contra Costa Counties

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PLANT FAIR 2013: SATURDAY 10/12, SUNDAY 10/13

Preparations for the annual Plant Fair are in full swing. We have a terrific group of volunteers lined up. Plant section tenders have been watering and grooming their plants and they are looking great. On Sunday at noon Theo Fitaniides, our new NHN manager, will give a talk entitled, "Bird Songs in the Native Garden". We also have a great line up of vendors. There will be books available, the new edition of the *Annotated Checklist of the East Bay Flora* and of course Janice Bray's wonderful catalog of native plants with photos and descriptions on DVD.

There is a lot that needs to be done and can only be done in the days before the plant fair, especially on Saturday, October 5 and Friday, October 11. There are many tasks that can be

done by anyone. We will also need some stronger folks for moving heavy plants and things like tables and canopies. The nursery is open 10 am to 2 pm on Saturday. On Friday the nursery opens at 9 am and volunteer work will extend into the afternoon. No need to sign up. Come when you can.

The fair itself will be Saturday, October 12, 10 am to 3 pm, and Sunday, October 13, noon to 3 pm.

For more information about the Plant Fair and to view the plant inventory, visit our web site: http://ebcnps.org/plant_fair/

Steve Toby

NOTE FROM THE RETIRING NURSERY MANAGER

As we prepare for the Plant Fair at Native Here Nursery, I am enjoying working with our new nursery manager, Theo Fitaniides; Steve Toby, Plant Fair Chair, as well as all the continuing volunteers. Theo is quickly learning the nursery stock and becoming familiar with the nursery operations, both from the operations manual and from observation, conversation and working side by side with all of us volunteers.

The operations manual is a compendium of information about the nursery's history and operation, which I started

to put together at the request of Delia Taylor when she was chapter president. John Danielsen has edited and expanded it while his broken ankle healed so it would be ready for use by the new nursery manager. Not only is Theo a quick study and a hard worker, he also possesses a great sense of humor. I hope our chapter members will come to the nursery either during regular hours or for the Plant Fair to become acquainted with Theo.

Charli Danielsen

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday, October 23, 7:30 pm

Location: Garden Room, Orinda Public Library

For information about the speaker and topic, please check the Meetings page of the East Bay CNPS website (<http://ebcnps.org/meetings/>) after October 8.

Directions to Orinda Public Library at 24 Orinda Way: **From the west**, take Hwy 24 to the Orinda/Moraga exit. At the end of the off ramp, turn left on Camino Pablo (toward Orinda Village), right on Santa Maria Way (the signal after the BART station and freeway entrance), and left on Orinda Way. **From the east**, take Hwy 24 to the Orinda exit. Follow the ramp to Orinda Village. Turn right on Santa Maria way (the first signal) and left on Orinda Way. Once on Orinda Way, go 1 short block to the parking lot on the southeast side of the two-story build-

ing on your right. There is additional free parking beneath the building as well as on the street. **From BART (4 blocks):** Exit the Orinda station, turn right and cross a pedestrian bridge, then cross a second pedestrian bridge on the left. Go 1 short block on the sidewalk to the third pedestrian bridge. Go 2 blocks on Orinda Way to the Orinda Library.

East Bay CNPS membership meetings are free of charge and open to everyone. This month's meeting takes place in the Garden Room of the Orinda Public Library at 24 Orinda Way (in Orinda Village). The Garden Room is on the second floor of the building, accessible by stairs or an elevator. The Garden Room opens at 7 pm; the meeting begins at 7:30 pm. Call 510-496-6016 or email rosacalifornica2@earthlink.net if you have questions.

2014 CONSERVATION ANALYST APPEAL IS UNDERWAY!

Please contribute as generously as you can. The success of our Conservation Committee depends on the excellent work of our professional Conservation Analyst, Mack Casterman.

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Ruth and Donald Stiver

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Ann Sullivan

Aaron Sunshine

Ted Tawshunsky

Delia and John Taylor

Liz Varnhagen

Phoebe Watts

Cecile Weaver

Karen Wetherell

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Susan Wickham

Doris and Joe Willingham

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RESTORATION

Saturday, September 7, 10:00 am, Pt. Isabel crew at Eastshore State Park

Pt. Isabel at the end of Rydin Road just off the I-580 next to Hoffman Marsh. Contact e-mail: kyotousa@sbcglobal.net, cell: 510-684-6484.

Saturday, October 5, 9:00 am, Redwood Regional Park

Meet at the Wayside corp. yard/parking area, which is inside the driveway from the kiosk off of Redwood Road. If you have questions or if you are a student in need of school credit you should e-mail DRosario@ebparks.org.

Follow the same directions as for Pinehurst, but then turn left at the entry kiosk, which is a left turn from Redwood Road. If the kiosk is staffed, be sure to tell the gatekeeper that you are volunteering to pull French broom.

Saturday, October 12, 9:30 am, Huckleberry Regional Park

Meet at the main parking lot, just to the right of Skyline, north of the intersection with Snake Road. We will decide where and what species to work on, depending on weather and personal interests. Gloves, water, and some tools provided. If you have questions or special tool requests, please e-mail jmanley@ebparks.org.

Saturday, October 19, 10 am-noon, Garber Park October habitat restoration workday. Please join us for our monthly Saturday workday as we continue to pull the invasive weeds

(Himalayan blackberry, Cape ivy, veldtgrass (*Ehrharta erecta*) from our restoration sites in preparation for winter planting. We will also continue restoring the trail from Fireplace Plaza to Claremont Avenue. We're making great progress, but there's still much more work to be done before the trail is usable.

Meet at the Evergreen Lane entrance to Garber Park. Directions: From Ashby take Alvarado Road to Slater Lane, turn right onto Evergreen Lane. The entrance is at the end of the street.

We provide water, snacks, tools, and gloves, but if you have your own gloves and water bottle please bring them. Wear long sleeves and pants and boots with good tread.

For more information and a map go to www.garberparkstewards.org or contact Shelagh, garberparkstewards@gmail.com.

Sunday, October 20, 9:00 am, Sibley Regional Park

Meet at the main parking lot off of Skyline, about 1/4 mile north of the Huckleberry parking lot. There will always be a group to attack the notorious wall of broom, but we sometimes form a smaller group to work on other areas too. If you plan to walk in from the Orinda side at the Old Tunnel Road staging area be sure to e-mail jmanley@ebparks.org or janetgawthrop47@gmail.com.

GET YOUR CNPS-EB GEAR!



There will be a table at the Plant Fair showing some sample logo items and a catalog. You can choose any item (hats, shirts, sweatshirts are most popular) from the catalog, and we will order the items and have the logo sewn on. The catalog will also be brought to the October program meeting. If you can't make it to either, contact Delia and we can find a time to meet and select your items. The logo is shown on the left.

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CNPS-EB JOINS SOCIAL MEDIA! OUR MEETUP GROUP:

East Bay CNPS Chapter Extends Outreach through Social Media

Over a year ago one of our chapter members, Frances Dahlquist, proposed that EBCNPS reach out to users of social media by creating a chapter Meetup group to showcase various chapter activities such as plant hikes and activities at Native Here Nursery. Within a year, the chapter has gained nearly 400 Meetup members. The primary attractions have been the plant hikes led by Gregg Webber, Janet Gawthrop and David Margolies as well as tours and activities at Native Here Nursery.

For more information about our activities follow us at www.meetup.com/California-Native-Plant-Society-East-Bay-Chapter/. The Meetup site allows users to post photos, comments, and arrange for carpooling to events, among other benefits.

Shown in the photo are Frances Dahlquist, right, and Sue Estey, left, at Native Here Nursery on a recent tour.

John Danielsen

Flowers changed the face of the planet. Without them, the world we know—even man himself—would never have existed. Francis Thompson, the English poet, once wrote that one could not pluck a flower without troubling a star. Intuitively he had sensed like a naturalist the enor-



mous interlinked complexity of life. Today we know that the appearance of the flowers contained also the equally mystifying emergence of man.

Loren Eiseley

How cunningly nature hides every wrinkle of her inconceivable antiquity under roses and violets and morning dew.

Ralph Waldo Emerson "The Progress of Culture"

CONSERVATION ANALYST REPORT

Knowland Park

On Friday, September 20, Knowland Park Coalition members Beth Wurzburg and Elise Bernstein journeyed to Sacramento to present our Change.org petition to the concerned regulatory agencies and to state and federal representatives from our Chapter area. Our petition requested that the regulators suspend the permitting process for the Oakland Zoo's proposed expansion, which if allowed to proceed will result in the fencing off of 57 acres of public land and the destruction of several acres of remnant native grassland and rare maritime chaparral.

Our petition included over 2100 signatures, along with several supporting documents. It was presented to five offices in and around Sacramento including the California Department of Parks & Recreation, the office of California Assemblyman District 18 -Rob Bonta, the office of California Senator Lori Hancock, the US Fish & Wildlife Service, and the office of the Director of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. Our coalition group plans to present the same documents to Congresswoman Lee in her Oakland office soon.

Our team members received extremely positive responses in every office as they presented the petition and summarized our concerns. We are hopeful that the incredible public support for protecting Knowland Park will help the regulators and politicians to realize the importance of protecting this valuable area from development.

Many thanks to all those who signed the petition. For those of you who missed it, the petition is still open for additional signatures. If you haven't already, please visit the petition webpage to add your name to the list, and while you're there, read the inspiring comments in support of our work that have poured in from around the country. The petition webpage is: <https://www.change.org/petitions/save-knowland-park-protect-oakland-s-largest-wildland-park-from-a-destructive-development>

In a great bit of related news, we received word this month that our grant application to the Stout Foundation was approved for a substantial grant amount! Stay tuned for more information about this generous grant and how it will be used as part of our forthcoming campaign to raise awareness about Knowland Park and the plants and animals that call it home.

LBNL

Since the release last month of the Long Range Development Plan for the new UC Berkeley/ Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory campus at the Richmond Field Station, I have been working with our conservation committee to review the document and prepare our comments in response to its proposals.

Please stay tuned to the conservation blog page for the most recent updates on this project including our forthcoming response to the LRDP as well as a statement from EBCNPS regarding how we envision the future campus design. This vision statement will highlight ways for UC Berkeley and LBNL to achieve their goals for the campus while at the same time conserving and featuring the precious natural resources of the site including the remnant coastal prairie grassland that makes the field station a critical piece of our Richmond Shoreline BPPA. bird's eye view of the native coastal prairie grassland that EBCNPS is working to protect at the Richmond Field Station. The picture just below is from the recently released Long Range Development Plan for the proposed Richmond Bay Campus.

Newark General Plan



Bird's eye view of the native coastal prairie grassland that EBCNPS is working to protect at the Richmond Field Station.

At the end of last week I was contacted by an environmental ally regarding a General Plan Revision effort being undertaken by the City of Newark. Among the proposed changes to the general plan are land-use changes that pave the way for the development of an 18-hole golf course and nearly 500 houses on 550 acres of historic baylands. The area in question, referred to as "area 4" overlaps a section of our Warm Springs BPPA.

On September 26th, I submitted a comment letter in support of preserving this as-yet undeveloped area of tidal marshlands and uplands as part of the Don Edwards National Wildlife Refuge rather than developing it into a golf course and housing units. Our letter echoes the concerns and recommendations of other environmental groups who have weighed in on this issue including Save the Bay, the Sierra Club, Ohlone Audubon Society, Citizens Committee to Complete the Refuge, San Francisco Baykeeper, and the USFWS.

Our letter can be viewed on the conservation blog page. I will continue to follow this issue in the future and will report on it as the project evolves.

The Conservation Committee is always looking for new volunteers to get involved in our many projects. If you are interested in working with me on any of the projects that you have read about on our blog or in past Conservation Analyst Updates, please feel free to contact me by phone at (510) 734-

0335 or by email at conservation@ebcnps.org. And as always, for more detailed updates on all of our conservation projects, please visit the Conservation Blog at:

<http://ebcnps.wordpress.com/> .

Mack Casterman



Knowland Park Coalition Liaison Beth Wurzburg delivering petition to the regulatory agencies in Sacramento (photo by Mack Casterman).

CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY EAST BAY CHAPTER

NATIVE PLANT FAIR 2013

Sat. October 12th 10-3

Sale of Local Native Plants and Crafts

Sun. October 13th Noon-3

Bird Songs in the Native Garden
Talk by Theo Fitanides, Sun. Noon-1
Plants & craft items for sale 1-3



Heteromeles arbutifolia
Tayab



Native Here Nursery

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101 Golf Course Dr., Tilden Park, Berkeley
Across the street from Tilden Park Golf Course

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BRINGING BACK THE NATIVES FALL PROGRAMS

Once again, the Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour is sponsoring a series of fall events. Visit the website for full details; here is a brief summary:

On Sunday, October 20, 2013 from 10:00 – 4:00 a free Native Plant Sale Extravaganza is taking place. Shop at five different locations for those hard-to-find natives at the right time of year to plant them. (Natives will be sold in Alameda, Berkeley, Concord, Oakland, and Richmond.)

In addition to the Extravaganza, four Select Tours are being offered for \$30 per person throughout October and November.

Are you interested in seeing beautiful native gardens that will provide color throughout the year? If the answer is "yes!" accompany Pete Veilleux to learn how he selects plants and designs gardens that do just that, then take this opportunity to shop for native plants at East Bay Wilds, which is not normally open to the public. (Because this tour was so popular last year, it is being offered twice this year.)

Those who would like to learn how to sheet-mulch their lawns away and install native gardens in their place shouldn't miss the "Mow no Mo!" workshop in Livermore. By the end of this workshop you'll be completely comfortable with the thought of tackling your own turf the low-cost way.

Finally, renowned environmental educator Judy Adler will be leading an in-depth tour of her half-acre Walnut Creek garden, complete with happy chickens, a rainwater harvesting system (11,000 gallons are stored on-site), a pond, and many California native and/or pollinator friendly plants.



California milkweed (*Asclepias californica*)

Select Tours are limited to groups of thirty, and they will fill fast. Register now to reserve your space. (But make good choices; there will be no refunds or exchanges.)

Two free native plant workshops are being offered to Martinez, Concord, Rodeo, Crockett, Pleasanton, and Livermore residents. The goals of these workshops are to provide inspiration, motivation, resources and advice to residents of those cities who would like to install native plant gardens, but could use some guidance.

Finally, plans are in the works for the main event; do you have a garden to offer for the Sunday, May 4, 2014 Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour? (Gardens must be located in Alameda or Contra Costa counties, contain 60% or more native plants, be free of synthetic pesticides, and conserve water. A list of the native plants in your garden is required when the application is submitted.) If this describes your garden, please fill out the application, and mail it and your native plant list: garden visits will end next month.

I hope you enjoy these fall events!

Kathy Kramer
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Mt. Diablo sunflower (*Helianthella castanea*)

Photos by Janice Bray from the DVD *East Bay Native Plants 2012-2013*, by Janice Bray, Charli Danielsen and the volunteers at EBCNPS and Native Here Nursery. The DVD is available at Native Here Nursery.

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- Benefactor, \$600
- Mariposa Lily, \$1500
- Limited Income or student, \$25.00
- Other _____

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